

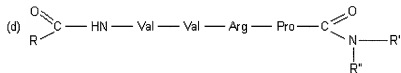
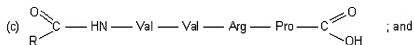
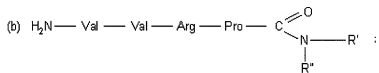
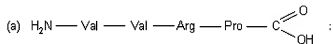
Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-26. (Canceled)

Claim 27. (New) A method for lightening of the skin which comprises applying to the skin a cosmetic or dermatological topical water-in-oil preparation comprising at least one monomeric oligopeptide selected from:



wherein

R represents a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated alkyl radical having C₁-C₃₀ carbon atoms,

R' and R'' independently of one another may be selected from hydrogen and branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated alkyl radical having C₁-C₃₀ carbon atoms,

at least one cosmetically or dermatologically acceptable active ingredient, auxiliary and additive; and

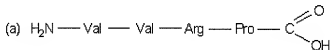
a cosmetically or dermatologically acceptable carrier.

28. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the at least one oligopeptide is present in the cosmetic or dermatological topical preparation in a concentration of 0.000001 - 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparation.

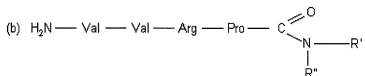
29. (New) The method according to claim 28, wherein the at least one oligopeptide is present in the cosmetic or dermatological topical preparation in a concentration of 0.0001 - 1% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

30. (New) The method according to claim 29, wherein the at least one oligopeptide is present in the cosmetic or dermatological topical preparation in a concentration of 0.0001 - 0.1% by weight based on the total weight of the preparation.

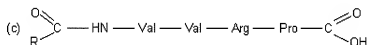
31. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the at least one oligopeptide is



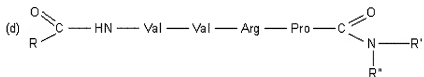
32. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the at least one oligopeptide is



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34. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the at least one oligopeptide is



34. (New) The method according to claim 32, wherein R' and R'' are hydrogen.

35. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein R is methyl.

36. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein R is an n-C₁₅ or n-C₁₇ alkyl radical.

37. (New) The method according to claim 34, wherein R is methyl, R' is hydrogen and R'' is hydrogen.